

Claims

- [c1] 1. A method for providing storage within a vehicle console having a compartment with a storage door, the method comprising:
presenting a plurality of receptacles having collapsible and expandable spacing therebetween to facilitate storage and retrieval of items upon opening of the storage door.
- [c2] 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of receptacles are joined by a flexible material to limit the expandable spacing.
- [c3] 3. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
attaching the flexible material to an interior portion of the console.
- [c4] 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of attaching comprises removably attaching the flexible material.
- [c5] 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of attaching comprises attaching the flexible material using snaps.
- [c6] 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of attaching comprises attaching the flexible material with a hook-and-loop type fastener.
- [c7] 7. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of attaching comprises fixedly attaching the flexible material.

[c8] 8. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
attaching a first portion of the flexible material to the console
and a second portion of the flexible material to the storage
door.

[c9] 9. The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality
of receptacles is adapted to receive a flat digital storage
medium.

[c10] 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the flat digital storage
medium comprises a CD.

[c11] 11. The method of claim 9 wherein the flat digital storage
medium comprises a DVD.

[c12] 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the vehicle console
comprises an overhead console.

[c13] 13. The method of claim 1 wherein the vehicle console
comprises a floor console.

[c14] 14. The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality
of receptacles is adapted to laterally receive the items for
storage.

[c15] 15. A console for a vehicle, the console comprising:
a media storage compartment having a plurality of receptacles
arranged to selectively fan-out to facilitate access to the
receptacles for storage and retrieval of items.

- [c16] 16. The console of claim 15 further comprising:
a media storage compartment door, wherein the plurality of receptacles is arranged to selectively fan-out upon opening of the media storage compartment door.
- [c17] 17. The console of claim 15 wherein the plurality of receptacles is adapted for storing flat media.
- [c18] 18. The console of claim 17 wherein at least one of the plurality of receptacles is adapted for storing a CD.
- [c19] 19. The console of claim 17 wherein at least one of the plurality of receptacles is adapted for storing a memory card.
- [c20] 20. The console of claim 15 wherein each of the plurality of receptacles comprises a plastic sleeve.
- [c21] 21. The console of claim 15 wherein the plurality of receptacles is joined by a flexible material to limit spacing between adjacent receptacles.
- [c22] 22. The console of claim 21 wherein the flexible material comprises a cord.
- [c23] 23. The console of claim 21 wherein the flexible material comprises a band.
- [c24] 24. The console of claim 15 wherein the plurality of receptacles is removably fastened to the media storage compartment.

- [c25] 25. The console of claim 24 wherein the plurality of receptacles is removably fastened to the media storage compartment with at least one snap.
- [c26] 26. The console of claim 24 wherein the plurality of receptacles is removably fastened to the media storage compartment with a hook-and-loop fastener.
- [c27] 27. The console of claim 15 wherein each of the plurality of receptacles opens laterally to receive media for storage.
- [c28] 28. The console of claim 15 wherein each of the receptacles comprises a dual plastic sleeve having a center separator disposed between top and bottom plastic sheets to accommodate two media without contact therebetween.
- [c29] 29. A media storage system for use in a vehicle console, the media storage system comprising:
a plurality of sleeves having first ends connected by a first connector allowing pivotal movement about the first connector and second opposing ends joined by at least one second connector allowing the second ends to fan-out to facilitate storage and retrieval of media, each of the sleeves being adapted to stow at least one storage medium, wherein the first and second connectors are adapted for fastening to the vehicle console.
- [c30] 30. The media storage system of claim 29 wherein the first

and second connectors are adapted for removably fastening the plurality of sleeves to the vehicle console.

- [c31] 31. The media storage system of claim 30 wherein the first and second connectors include hook-and-loop fasteners.
- [c32] 32. The media storage system of claim 29 wherein the first and second connectors are fixedly secured to an interior portion of the vehicle console.
- [c33] 33. The media storage system of claim 29 wherein each of the plurality of sleeves includes a lateral opening extending a sufficient distance between the first and second ends to accommodate disc-shaped media.
- [c34] 34. The media storage system of claim 33 wherein the second connector comprises a flexible connector extending along the second ends of the plurality of sleeves.
- [c35] 35. The media storage system of claim 33 wherein the second connector extends through the second ends of the plurality of sleeves.